

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (November 27, 2022)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

BIBLE PASSAGE STUDY QUESTIONS: READ 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Note: “Jesus’ “supper” refers to a Passover meal...The Passover meal was both a sacrifice and a covenant renewal ceremony in which Israel remembered the exodus and the old covenant that God inaugurated with the blood of sacrificed animals. The Lord’s Supper is not a sacrifice, but it remembers Jesus’ once-for-all-time sacrificial death as “our Passover lamb”; it is a covenant renewal ceremony in which the church remembers Jesus’ new exodus for his people and the new covenant he inaugurated with his bloody death and resurrection. When the church celebrates the Lord’s Supper, it remembers Jesus’ body and blood: his death has inaugurated the new covenant. Thus, most English translations (rightly) read, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.””

(Crossway ESV Expository Commentary p. 324 by Andrew David Naselli)

1. What are we to remember when we take communion? What helps you prepare your heart and mind to remember?

2. How were the Corinthians partaking of the bread and the cup in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:20-22, 33)? Suggest ways we might approach communion in an unworthy manner?

3. According to 1 Corinthians 11:29-30, dishonoring the Lord can bring present judgement. Note other instances of sin leading to judgment (Acts 5:4-5, 9-10; 12:21-23; 13:8-11) and discuss the seriousness of dishonoring the Lord.

4. Explain what you think Paul means when he says, "But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged (1 Corinthians 11:31).

5. "When we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned..." (1 Corinthians 11:32; Romans 8:1) What is the difference between being condemned and being disciplined? From Hebrews 12:7-11, give details concerning discipline.

Questions for personal reflection: from 1 Corinthians For You (p. 131 by Andrew Wilson):
"As you celebrate the Lord's Supper, do you most often find yourself looking up in gratitude, back in remembrance, forward in proclamation of Jesus' return, within at your own sin, or around at the rest of the church?"